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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1967

BY

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WORTHING RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Council Offices,
15, Mill Road,
Worthing.

May, 1968.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for 1967.

The vital statistics show no significant changes. There were more stillbirths, but this was more than compensated for by few deaths under one year.

The Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in 1881 showed that the population of West Sussex was 97,348. There were twice as many births as deaths. The average number of persons per house was 5.1. The percentage of the population over 65 was 6.2, of which 3.15 % were females. At the census in 1961 the percentage of over-65's in Worthing R.D.C. was 26.4, of which 16 % were females. There are now over 30 % in the District over 65 and the figure is increasing yearly. The result of this is an increasing burden on the Geriatric Services and the bed situation has inevitably worsened as the number of geriatric beds has not increased since 1962. There is some ray of comfort for the future if the plans to develop Worthing Hospital materialise as the building programme includes a large number of geriatric beds and a Day Hospital for Geriatrics and other cases in need of rehabilitation and day care.

There was a considerable amount of sickness of unknown origin. This particular illness seems to strike suddenly with vomiting and abdominal pains and sometimes accompanied by other gastric symptoms. The origin of this disease is, as yet, unknown, but believed to be an airborne infection and not in anyway connected with food.

Influenza, which was present in the country, hit the area just before Christmas and the absentism from work in the community rose very sharply. Most of those who were immunised against influenza were protected and either escaped or had a modified illness.

I completed the follow-up of the Diabetic Survey and published the results in the 'Medical Officer' in July.

The Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. E. T. Oates, has been nationally recognized for his work on refuse disposal by being elected onto the Working Party on Refuse Disposal.

I am again indebted to Mr. Oates, other Officers of the Council and the County Medical Officer of Health for information to enable me to compile this report.

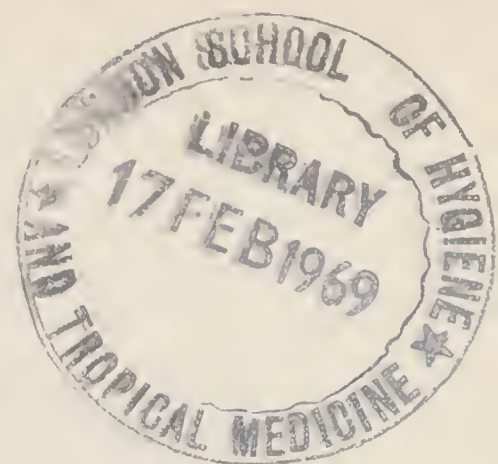
I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

FRANK COCKCROFT,

Medical Officer of Health.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Worthing Rural District Council.



SECTION A

Vital Statistics 1967

AREA 29,809 acres

ESTIMATED RESIDENT POPULATION 44,500				SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE £9,798		
Population — Census 1961	...	...	...	...	...	38,426
Number of inhabited houses (end of 1967) (according to Rate Books)	...	...	...	...	...	18,279
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	£2,461,507
				Male	Female	Total
LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	...	325	327	652
Live Birth rate per 1,000 population, crude				—		14.6
			corrected	—		24.2
ILLEGITIMATE LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	...	22	15	37
Illegitimate Live Births % of total live births	...	...	...	...	...	5.7
STILLBIRTHS	...	...	...	8	4	12
Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	...	...	...	...	1.9
Total live and stillbirths	...	...	...	333	331	664
INFANT DEATHS (deaths under 1 year)				2	1	3
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births	...	...	...	...	...	4.6
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	4.9
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	...	3.1
EARLY NEO-NATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	...	3.1
PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	...	...	...	...	...	21.1
MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
MATERNAL MORTALITY RATE (per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	...	...	...	...	...	Nil
				Male	Female	Total
DEATHS	...	...	...	426	414	840
Death rate per 1,000 population, crude				—		18.9
			corrected	—		9.1
DEATHS FROM CANCER (all ages)	...	...	...	99	90	189

COMPARATIVE STATISTICS 1967

			England and Wales	West Sussex Urban (Standardised Rate)	Rural	Worthing R.D.
Birth Rate	...	...	17.2	15.4	18.7	14.6
Death Rate	...	...	11.2	10.0	9.1	18.9
Infantile death rate	...		18.3	13.3	12.1	4.6
Pulmonary T.B. death rate			0.04	0.04	0.02	.045
Cancer death rate	...		2.3	3.2	3.1	4.25
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 births	...		0.20	—	—	—

Comparative Statistics, 1933—1967

			No. of inhabited houses	Average number of persons per house
1933	...	16,306	5,477	2.99
1938	...	23,640	8,822	2.68
1945	...	24,260	8,996	2.46
1950	...	29,600	10,010	2.95
1955	...	31,230	11,455	2.72
1956	...	31,690	11,969	2.65
1957	...	32,370	11,910	2.72
1958	...	33,470	12,411	2.69
1959	...	34,770	13,030	2.67
1960	...	35,330	13,657	2.59
1961	...	37,970	14,618	2.59
1962	...	39,000	15,116	2.58
1963	...	40,000	15,359	2.60
1964	...	40,990	15,897	2.58
1965	...	41,920	16,984	2.47
1966	...	43,000	17,381	2.47
1967	...	44,500	18,279	2.43

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH IN 1967

Cause of Death	All Ages	MALES				Total	FEMALES				Total
		Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards		Under 45	45-64	65-74	75 and upwards	
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2						1		1		2
Tuberculosis, other	1			1		1					
Syphilitic Disease	2							1	1		2
Meningococcal Infections	1	1				1					
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	20		2	4	8	14			2	4	6
Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	44		14	17	5	36		1	5	2	8
Malignant Neoplasm, breast	17						1	8	6	2	17
Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	12							5	3	4	12
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	87	1	7	14	19	41	2	12	20	12	46
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	9	1		4	3	8				1	1
Diabetes	2			1	1	2					
Vascular lesions of nervous system	129		3	15	36	54		11	15	49	75
Coronary Disease. Angina	177		22	43	42	107		8	22	40	70
Hypertension with heart disease	10			3		3			1	6	7
Other heart disease	105		3	8	27	38		1	7	59	67
Other Circulatory disease	38		2	9	11	22		1	5	10	16
Influenza	3				1	1				2	2
Pneumonia	37	2	1	1	9	13			4	20	24
Bronchitis	33		6	14	7	27		3	2	1	6
Other diseases of respiratory system	13		1	3	5	9		1	2	1	4
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2			1		1				1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1									1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1			1		1					
Hyperplasia of prostate	3			1	2	3					
Congenital Malformations	2		1			1	1				1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	59	1	4	13	11	29		7	5	18	30
Motor vehicle accidents	6	1	2		1	4			1	1	2
All other accidents	19	1	3		4	8				11	11
Suicide	5			1	1	2			2	1	3
TOTAL	840	8	71	154	193	426	5	58	104	247	414

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Chairman of the Public Health Committee:

Dr. W. F. BEWLEY, C.B.E.

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health

FRANK COCKROFT, M.A., L.R.C.P., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector

E. T. OATES, (a), (b), (c), (d).

Public Health Inspectors:

B. G. ROSSITER (Deputy) (a), (b).

K. AUTY, (a), (b).

A. R. MOORES, (a), (b).

C. R. HAYWARD, (a), (b).

V. J. CLINCH, (a), (b).

Qualifications:

- (a) Certificate of Royal Society of Health and S.I.E. Joint Board (Public Health Inspector, or Certificate of Public Health Inspectors Education Board).
- (b) Certificate of Royal Society of Health (Meat and Food Inspector).
- (c) Fellow of Association of Public Health Inspectors.
Fellow of the Royal Society of Health.
- (d) Member of the Institute of Public Cleansing.

Rodent Operators:

F. BUNN

D. LEWIS

CLERICAL STAFF

This consists of five Clerks, of whom Miss Harding is the Chief. The Medical Officer of Health also has a part-time Secretary, Miss R. Goad.

The Medical Officer of Health is also Medical Officer of Health for the Littlehampton Urban District and Departmental Medical Officer for the County.

Services provided by West Sussex County Council

(a) *Nursing*

General District Nurses, Midwives, Health Visitors and School Nurses are employed by the County Council to serve in the area. The telephone numbers of midwives and district nurses are listed in the telephone directory under 'Nurses—West Sussex County Council.'

(b) *Maternity and Child Welfare*

Clinics are held as follows:—

Ante-natal and Post-natal Clinics

Lancing (Health Clinic). General Practitioners' Sessions.

Tuesday 2 p.m. (weekly).

Thursday 3 p.m. (1st, 2nd and 3rd in month).

Free dental treatment is available for expectant and nursing mothers at the Dental Clinics.

A Family Planning Clinic is provided by the County Council at Shoreham Health Clinic and the Family Planning Association operates one at the Health Clinic, Bognor Regis and Worthing.

School Clinics

The district is served by the following:

- | | |
|--------------------|---|
| (a) Minor Ailments | } Littlehampton and
Lancing Health Clinics.
Lancing and Shoreham-by-Sea
Health Clinics, and
Littlehampton Health Clinic
as required. |
| (b) Eyes | |
| (c) Dental | |
| (d) Orthopaedic | |
| (e) Physiotherapy | |
| (f) Speech Therapy | |

Child Welfare Centres were held in the district as follows:—

			No. of children attending	Total attendances
Angmering	... ..	Tues. 2.30 p.m.		
(Village Hall)		(1st & 3rd in month)	176	887
Clapham	... ..	Weds. 2.30 p.m.		
(Village Hall)		(2nd & 4th in month)	24	233
East Preston	... ..	Thurs. 2.30 p.m.		
(Conservative Hall)		(Weekly)	197	1,103
Ferring	... ..	Fridays, 2.30 p.m.		
(Village Hall)		(2nd, 4th, 5th in month)	128	775
Findon	... ..	Fridays, 2.30 p.m.		
(The Surgery)		(2nd & 4th in month)	41	280
Lancing	... ..	Weds. 2.30 p.m.		
(Health Clinic)		Fridays, 2.30 p.m.	555	4,274
		(Weekly)		
Poling	... ..	Fridays, 2.30 p.m.		
		(1st in month)	18	47
Rustington	... ..	Weds. 2.30 p.m.		
(Village Hall)		(Weekly)	246	1,669

In addition, centres at Littlehampton and Arundel were available for residents adjoining these urban areas.

(c) *Ambulance Service*

The County Council operate the Ambulance Service (including the Hospital Car Service) in the County. Requests are made through the doctor or hospital attending the patient or through the Police or public in case of accidents or other emergencies.

(d) *Chiropody Clinic*

Clinics are provided for those of pensionable age.

(e) *Health Education*

The County Council are responsible for this Service, a great amount of which is done by the Health Visitors, both in the homes and at the Clinics.

(f) *Health Clinic for the Retired*

A clinic is held weekly at the Littlehampton Health Centre so that people of retiring age can attend for a check-up.

(g) *Home Help Service*

The County Council is responsible for the Home Help Service.

(h) *Mental Health*

The County Council is responsible for a domiciliary mental welfare service, but institutional and out-patient treatment is provided by the Regional Hospital Board.

Hospital and Specialist Services

A comprehensive hospital and specialist service is provided by the Regional Hospital Board. Hospital accommodation of a private nature is available in certain circumstances, subject to appropriate charges.

Mass Radiography Units are stationed at Portsmouth and Brighton. A mobile Unit is also based at Portsmouth and covers this area and visits Lancing and Littlehampton every Wednesday for cases referred by General Practitioners.

Cervical Cytology

Every Wednesday a Clinic is held at Worthing Hospital for the early detection of cancer in the neck of the womb. Women between 35 and 55 are eligible to attend the Clinic.

Chest Clinics

Chest Clinics are held at Worthing Hospital and Southlands Hospital, Shoreham-by-Sea, which are available to all residents in the Worthing Rural District.

Venereal Diseases

Residents may attend Clinics at Worthing Hospital, St. Richard's Hospital, Chichester, the Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton, or St. Mary's Hospital, Portsmouth.

Nursing Homes

There is one private nursing home in the district registered with the County Council.

General Medical and Dental Services

Local arrangements for these services are organised through the National Health Service Executive Council for West Sussex, 175, Broyle Road, Chichester.

Meals-on-Wheels

The W.R.V.S. provide a Meals-on-Wheels service for old people. The western area is covered from Littlehampton and the eastern area from Lancing.

At Lancing meals are provided at Chesham House where a total of 12,247 were prepared, of which 15,793 were delivered to old people in their homes and 5,454 were consumed at Chesham House.

At Littlehampton meals were provided at the W.R.V.S. Kitchen where a total of 20,280 were prepared, all these were delivered to old people in their homes, 9,672 being delivered in the Worthing Rural District.

Laboratory Facilities

The following Laboratories are available for the examination of specimens:

The Public Health Laboratory, Brighton.

The Worthing Hospital Laboratory.

The Public Analyst's Laboratory, Lewes.

Mortuary

The Rural District Council provide a Mortuary at Lancing. This mortuary provides the basic essentials only and falls far short of the requirements of an ideal modern mortuary. The expense involved would hardly be justified in a mortuary with such a small throughput.

The number of bodies entering the mortuary during the year was 37.

Medical Examination of Staff

Eleven examinations were carried for Superannuation purposes.

National Assistance Act, 1948 (Amended 1951)

Section 47

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

Section 50—Burial or Cremation of the Dead

No action was necessary under this Section during the year.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

I. WATER SUPPLY

Sixteen of the Parishes in the District have Public Mains water supply, and one obtains a supply from private sources.

(i) **By Worthing Corporation in the Parish of:—**

Angmering	...	...	3in. diameter	...	534 yards
			4in diameter	...	297 yards
			6in. diameter	...	491 yards
East Preston	...	...	3in. diameter	...	83 yards
			4in. diameter	...	220 yards
Ferring	...	...	2in. diameter	PVC	53 yards
			3in. diameter	...	575 yards
			4in. diameter	...	44 yards
			6in. diameter	...	154 yards
Findon	...	...	3in. diameter	...	56 yards
Lancing (St. Peter's Road)			4in. diameter	...	121 yards
Lyminster	...	...	3in. diameter	...	188 yards
Rustington	...	...	3in. diameter	...	888 yards
			4in. diameter	...	815 yards
			6in. diameter	...	298 yards
Sompting	...	...	3in. diameter	...	387 yards
			4in. diameter	...	1,422 yards
			6in. diameter	...	137 yards

(ii) **By Brighton Corporation in the Parish of:—**

Lancing

Churchill Industrial Estate	4in. diameter	...	1,369 yards
	6in. diameter	...	42 yards
Freshbrook Road	3in. diameter	...	212 yards
	4in. diameter	...	373 yards
off Brighton Road	3in. diameter	...	88 yards
	4in. diameter	...	25 yards
Brighton Road	9in. diameter	...	204 yards
Crabtree Lane	3in. diameter	...	70 yards
	4in. diameter	...	24 yards
Penleigh Estate			
(off Ingleside Crescent)	3in. diameter	...	143 yards
	4in. diameter	...	92 yards
Chester Avenue	3in. diameter	...	133 yards

Brighton Corporation supply the Parish of Lancing, the North West Sussex Joint Water Board supply the Parish of Houghton and a small part of the Parish of Findon. The Worthing Corporation Undertaking provide a supply in the other part of Findon and the remaining thirteen Parishes, except the Parish of Coombes which

is supplied with water privately from bore wells and by way of private mains controlled by the farmers concerned.

There is one other private supply in the District situated at an Estate in the Parish of Rustington, which serves 243 houses; the water is sampled at regular intervals and only on one occasion was a sample found to be unsatisfactory due to a breakdown in the pumping plant.

Chemical and bacteriological examinations are carried out by Brighton Corporation. The following is an extract from their Chemist's reports:—

“1. The water supply of the area has been satisfactory in quantity and quality. Chlorination, with or without post ammoniation of all raw water is practised continuously except where super and dechlorination is utilised before the addition of ammonia to form chloramine as in the case of Burpham boreholes nos. 3 and 4.

2. Bacteriological results:—

BURPHAM WATER:—				No. of samples	No. showing Coliform organisms in 100 ml.	No. showing E. Coli in 100 ml.	No. showing Coliform absent in 100 ml.
Raw water							
Borehole 2	...	...	...	352	186	144	166
„ 3	...	...	...	345	272	229	73
„ 4	...	...	...	345	249	214	96
After treatment							
Borehole 2	...	...	...	351	0	0	351
„ 3 & 4	...	..	..	349	1	1	348
SOMPTING PUMPING STATION:—							
Raw	...	...	...	50	2	2	48
After treatment	...	...	...	239	0	0	239
N.W. SUSSEX WATER BOARD:—							
After treatment	...	...	...	341	0	0	341

A correlation between certain aspects of the behaviour of the water in the River Arun and the water pumped at Burham Pumping Station has been seen to exist both bacteriologically and chemically.

3. Since all the water is obtained from chalk there is little likelihood of any plumbo-solvent action.

4. Fluoride content of the water in all parts of the district is less than 0.1 mgm/litre.

5. Complaints were few and were mainly either connected with, or taste of, chlorine, or with dirty deposits in kettles. The former was occasionally due to residual free chlorine and the latter to the process of copper mixed with calcium carbonate.”

The following table shows the results of 72 samples of water sent to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination:—

	Satisfactory	Not satisfactory
Rustington Sea Estate Supply	17	1
Worthing Corporation Water Undertaking:		
Burpham Well	1	0
Patching Well	12	1
Broadwater Well	2	0
Swanbourne Lake, South Stoke ...	2	0
Brighton Corporation Water Undertaking	7	0
North West Sussex Joint Water Board		
(Findon and Houghton)	3	0
Private Mains:		
Church Farm, Coombes	2	0
Applesham Farm, Coombes	2	1
Individual Wells	10	6
Streamside, Coombes		
(land spring in "Ladywells")	1	4

With reference to the unsatisfactory samples from "Streamside" Coombes, this was occasioned by the fact that the filter used in connection with this supply had developed a hair-line crack which was not easily detectable; when this defect was rectified the supply again became satisfactory.

One chemical sample was taken during the year:—

	Satisfactory	Not satisfactory
Rustington Sea Estate Supply	1	0

The following Table gives details of the water supply to each Parish:—

WATER SUPPLIED:

PARISH	(a) Direct to House	Popu- lation	(b) Well Water	Popu- lation	(c) Rain Water	Popu- lation
Angmering ...	1,647	3,868	14	32	0	0
Burpham ...	73	200	0	0	0	0
Clapham ...	106	312	0	0	0	0
Coombes ...	15	48	4	10	1	3
East Preston ...	1,740	4,176	0	0	0	0
Ferring ...	1,977	4,291	4	9	0	0
Findon ...	697	1,672	2	5	0	0
Houghton ...	42	120	2	5	4	10
Kingston ...	207	475	16	40	0	0
Lancing ...	6,213	14,911	0	0	1	3
Lyminster ...	86	337	0	0	1	3
Patching ...	80	262	0	0	0	0
Poling ...	71	170	0	0	0	0
Rustington ...	3,530	8,171	2	5	0	0
Sompting ...	2,815	6,500	0	0	0	0
South Stoke ...	24	78	0	0	0	0
Warningcamp ...	58	212	1	3	0	0
TOTAL ...	19,381	45,803	45	109	7	19

No houses are supplied with stand pipes.

The population estimated above is at December 31, 1967.

2. DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

(a) *Western Area*

The existing gravitational sewers serving the Parishes of East Preston, Angmering, Rustington, Kingston and Ferring drain to 14 ejector stations and four pumping stations. These deliver the sewage to a storage tank where it is screened, macerated and discharged to sea on the ebb-tide at a point 500 yards below high water mark.

The pumping stations and disposal works were installed over thirty years ago, and by reason of increasing flows are now working to capacity. As a result the Council have considered alternative schemes for new disposal works for sea outfall together with the enlargement and modernisation of all pumping plant and mains. The present situation is now that negotiations with Littlehampton Urban District Council have reached such a stage that a joint sewage disposal scheme together with the modernisation of plant and mains is now in course of preparation by the Council's consultant Engineers.

(b) *Eastern Area*

The sewers in the Eastern Area are all discharging sewage to subsidiary pumping stations, and from thence to the main pumping stations situated at Old Salts and Lancing Park. From these two stations the sewage is pumped direct to the Worthing Corporation Sewage Disposal Works where, after treatment, it is discharged to sea.

Whilst all these sewers and pumping stations have functioned reasonably satisfactorily throughout the year, the Engineer and Surveyor of the Council has found it necessary to report that just as in the Western Area, flows have increased to such an extent that, having regard to the existing and future development, a re-assessment of the sewage needs of the area will have to be undertaken, and this work is to be put in hand at an early date.

(c) *Outlying Parishes*

A scheme has been prepared for the provision of sewers in the Parish of Burpham and is now nearing the stage when it can be said to be ready for submission for the necessary approvals to the appropriate authorities.

Two other areas require a sewerage system. At Crossbush in the Parish of Lyminster to replace the existing cesspools and septic tanks which cause pollution of ditches in the vicinity. And at Clapham and Patching where only part of the Parish is adequately sewered.

Warningcamp and Coombes have no sewerage system, but the existing arrangements are satisfactory for the present.

3. PUBLIC CLEANSING

(a) *House Refuse Collection*

Refuse is collected weekly from the 17 Parishes in the District, and in addition from litter baskets and litter bins sited along the 5½ miles of beach frontages, throughout the shopping areas, on highway verges, and in recreation grounds.

There is also a regular collection of waste paper and other salvage from shops and other business premises. The work is carried out by a fleet of refuse collection vehicles of modern design.

(b) *House Refuse Disposal*

The refuse disposal plant at Halewick Lane, Sompting, has operated satisfactorily throughout the year, and it is here that the whole of the refuse from Shoreham, Southwick, and Portslade Urban District Councils and the Worthing Rural District Council is received, pulverised and disposed of by tipping in the valley adjacent to the Depot.

(c) *Cesspools*

The cesspool emptying service has continued to operate successfully throughout the year.

4. RIVERS AND STREAMS

It has not been found necessary for any action to be taken in respect of pollution of rivers and streams in the area.

5. SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

There are nine swimming pools in the District. There is one at the Mallodene Holiday Hotel in Rustington, and the rest are at the following schools:

Boundstone County Secondary.
Irene Avenue, Lancing.
Lancing College.
Sompting Abbots.
West Preston Manor, East Preston.
St. John Baptist School, Findon.
North Lane County Primary, Rustington.
Rustington House School.

The water in seven of the pools is subject to continuous filtration and automatic chlorination and in two cases chlorination is carried out by hand at pre-determined dosage rate. In these cases the water is changed at regular intervals.

The water was regularly tested for residual chlorination and in three cases where this fell below the required level, bacteriological samples were taken, but these all proved to be satisfactory.

6. SCHOOLS

There are 14 County Schools and all have public water supply and water closets.

There are several private schools in the district, all of which have modern sanitation with satisfactory water supplies.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING THE YEAR

Houses under Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	62
Housing Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	572
Houses inspected for overcrowding	...	...	...	...	6
Houses under Public Health Acts for defects	...	...	...	...	102
Public Health Act re-inspections	...	...	...	...	239
Premises under Public Health Acts for nuisances	...	...	...	...	1506
Animals' premises	...	...	...	...	12
Complaints investigated	...	...	...	...	464
Water tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	5
Smoke tests applied to drains at reconstruction or connection to sewer	...	...	...	...	2
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act	...	...	...	...	4502
Clean Air Act	...	...	...	...	140
Number of inspections of Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	101
Number of Moveable Dwellings inspected	...	...	...	...	116
Visits to obtain samples of water	...	...	...	...	73
Visits for interviews with Owners, Agents etc.	...	...	...	...	752

Refuse Tips and Public Cleansing	...	...	...	...	1136
Miscellaneous visits	...	...	...	...	1213
Rag Flock Act	...	...	...	...	2
Pet Animals Act	...	...	...	...	8
Infectious Diseases	...	...	...	...	59
Premises disinfected	...	...	...	...	221
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	...	350
Knacker's Yard	...	...	...	...	3
Meat shops, stalls and vehicles	..	...	...	...	379
Fish shops	...	...	...	...	157
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	105
Restaurants	...	...	...	...	235
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	...	52
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	44
Factories where Mechanical Power is used	...	...	...	...	174
Factories where Mechanical Power is not used	...	...	...	...	1
Outworkers' premises	...	...	...	...	33
Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	152
Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	51
Hairdressers	...	..	...	...	54
Canteen Kitchens	...	...	...	...	18
Grocery and Provision Shops	...	...	...	...	354
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	98
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	148
Frozen Food cabinets	...	...	...	...	202
Confectionery	...	...	...	...	72
Bread and cake shops	...	...	...	...	91
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	...	146
Other food premises	...	...	...	...	37
Animals' Boarding Establishments Act	...	...	...	...	6
Public Health Act 1961 (Demolition)	...	...	...	...	51
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act 1963	...	...	...	...	362
Agricultural Workers' Act	...	...	...	...	23
Waste Food Order	...	...	...	...	2
Food Hygiene, Market Stalls and Vehicles Act	...	...	...	...	1
Civic Amenities Act	...	...	...	...	9
TOTAL number of inspections made					14,703

SUMMARY OF NOTICES SERVED AS A RESULT OF CONDITIONS FOUND AT THE ABOVE INSPECTIONS

(a) Statutory

	Notices served	Notices complied with	Notices outstanding
1. Demolition Orders made under Section 11 of the Housing Act 1936	0	0	1

Demolition Order served under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act 1957	...	...	...	...	0	2	10
2. Closing Order served under Section 18 of the Housing Act 1957	.....	...	...	...	0	0	3
Closing Order served under Section 17 (i) of the Housing Act 1957	...	...	...	...	0	1	2
3. Under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	1	0	5
4. Under Section 93 of the Public Health Act 1936 (Nuisances)					1	1	1
5. Under Section 39 of the Public Health Act 1936 (Drains)	...				4	0	4
6. Under Clean Air Act 1956, Section 16	...	...	...	...	1	1	0
(b) Preliminary							
1. To execute works under the Housing Acts	...	...	...	...	2 ¹	24	11
2. To abate overcrowding	...				1	1	1
3. To execute works under Public Health Acts	...	...	...	...	28	27	49
4. To abate nuisances	...				412	391	146
5. To remedy contraventions of Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949	...	...	...	...	631	657	45
6. To abate contraventions at Camping Sites	...	...	...	...	3	3	6
7. To abate contraventions at Food premises	...	...	...	...	54	58	34
8. To remedy contraventions of Factories Act	...	...	...	...	6	7	6
9. To abate contraventions of Petroleum Acts	...	...	...	...	11	20	7
10. To abate contravention at Animals' premises	...	...	...	...	1	2	3
11. To abate contraventions at verminous premises	...	...	...	...	4	4	0
12. To abate contraventions of the Clean Air Act 1958	...	...	...	...	18	18	0
13. To abate contraventions of the Water Act 1945	...	...	...	...	2	3	0
14. To abate contraventions of the Noise Abatement Act	...	...	...	...	5	2	3
15. To abate contraventions of the Public Health Act 1961 (Demolition)	...	...	...	...	10	11	3

16. To abate contraventions of the Offices, shops and Railway premises Act 1963	43	65	36
17. To abate contraventions of the Hairdressers' Byelaws	3	3	0
18. To abate contraventions of the Removal of Vehicles Regulations	3	6	3
19. To abate contraventions of the Pet Animals Act	0	1	0
20. To abate contraventions of the Market Stalls and Vehicles Act	1	1	0
21. To abate contraventions of the Civic Amenities Act	2	0	2

SUMMARY OF SANITARY WORKS AND IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Houses demolished ... ..	...	...	...	5
Houses re-drained to Council's sewer	...	...	...	7
Cesspools abolished ... ..	...	...	...	5
Houses re-drained defective ... ..	...	...	...	11
Houses where drains repaired	...	...	...	14
Intercepting traps provided ... ..	...	...	...	6
Ventilation shafts fixed ... ..	...	...	...	6
Inspection chambers constructed ... ..	...	...	...	14
Inspection chambers repaired ... ..	...	...	...	14
Obstructions removed from drains	...	...	...	20
Earth closets abolished ... ..	...	...	...	3
Cesspools provided ... ..	...	...	...	6
W.C.'s provided ... ..	...	...	...	15
Rainwater pipes disconnected from drains	...	...	...	1
Defective W.C. pans and traps renewed	...	...	...	3
Flushing cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	3
Houses provided with mains water supply	...	...	...	1
Additional water taps provided ... ..	...	...	...	37
Houses provided with sinks ... ..	...	...	...	4
Defective sinks renewed ... ..	...	...	...	7
New sink waste pipes provided or old repaired	...	...	...	10
Rooms stripped or cleansed ... ..	...	...	...	42
Ceilings stripped and cleansed ... ..	...	...	...	38
Windows repaired ... ..	...	...	...	35
Windows provided or enlarged ... ..	...	...	...	21
Walls repaired internally ... ..	...	...	...	25
Walls repaired externally ... ..	...	...	...	18
External painting ... ..	...	...	...	9
Floors repaired or renewed ... ..	...	...	...	30
Stoves and fireplaces renewed ... ..	...	...	...	18

Chimney stacks repaired or renewed	...	...	...	4
W.C's provided with flushing cisterns	...	...	...	1
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	22
Accumulations of refuse removed	...	...	...	224
Pavings to yards repaired	...	...	...	7
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	15
Rainwater pipes and eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	12
Verminous premises disinfected	...	...	...	3
Refuse receptacles provided	...	...	...	40
Food stores provided	...	...	...	9
Underfloor ventilation provided	...	...	...	1
Bathrooms provided	...	...	...	18
Hot water services provided	...	...	...	8
Electric lighting	...	...	...	8
Earth closets abolished	...	...	...	3
Handrails provided	...	...	...	4
New doors provided/old repaired	...	...	...	25
Cooking facilities provided	...	...	...	4
Ceilings provided or repaired	...	...	...	16
Wash hand basins renewed	...	...	...	4
Staircases renewed or repaired	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	9
TOTAL				867

FACTORIES ACT

Number of Factories with Mechanical Power	...	...	140
Number of Factories without Mechanical Power	...	...	7

1. Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspection	Written notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	1	1	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	140	174	5	0
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding Outworkers' premises).	0	0	0	0
Total	147	175	6	0

2. Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found:—				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred:—		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness	0	1	0	0	0
Overcrowding	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable temperature	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate ventilation	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary conveniences					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	4	4	0	1	0
(c) Not separate for sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	0	3	0	0	0
Total	6	10	0	1	0

There are 57 OUTWORKERS in the District.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Applications for registration have been made in greater numbers this year than last, 70 having been received as against 13. It is estimated, however, that there are approximately 600 premises within the District to which the Act might apply. Many of these, however, are undoubtedly those to which the Act will not apply because they are only operated by Husband and Wife and there are no employees, for example, in one Parade of shops alone comprising seven separate premises, all fall within this category.

The total number of premises registered in this District under the Act at the end of the year was 385.

Every endeavour has been made to secure full publicity for the need for registration, we are still finding that many owners and occupiers of premises seem to be unaware of the requirement for registration, and it is still felt that in any new legislation relating to such premises comprehensive powers should be provided for a Local Authority to institute proceedings for non-registration.

Throughout the year steady progress has been made in the inspection of registered premises, all newly registered premises have received a general inspection, and in addition re-inspections have been made of premises where it was found necessary for works to be carried out to rectify contraventions.

The contraventions found were, as usual, only of a minor nature, not involving major structural works or alterations. The relationship with occupiers and owners of premises has been satisfactory, and no difficulty has been experienced in securing the carrying out of necessary works.

The situation at the end of the year was as follows:—

Class of Premises	Number of premises registered during 1967	Total number of registered premises at end of 1967	No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during 1967
Offices ...	14	91	14
Retail shops ...	44	244	44
Wholesale shops warehouses ...	5	3	5
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	6	45	6
Fuel storage depots ...	1	2	1
TOTAL ...	70	385	70

Number of visits of all kinds by Public Health

Inspectors to registered premises 362

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace—

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	365
Retail shops	864
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	49
Catering establishments open to the public ...	241
Canteens	0
Fuel storage depots	12
TOTAL	1,531

Total Males—614. Females—917.

Statistics of Accidents

During the year 5 accidents were the subject of notice, in each case none was serious and related to the following injuries:—

An employee lifted a case of milk and pulled a muscle in her back;

An employee who was cutting liver with a steak knife, cut the end of his thumb;

An employee fell down the stairs and pulled her right shoulder muscles;

An employee slipped on the last tread of the staircase and sprained his left ankle;

An employee slipped on the wet floor in the Butchery Department and fractured his right wrist;

In all cases an inspection of the premises was made for non-compliance with the Act, and the existence of any specific danger hazards.

Set out below is a schedule of contraventions found and remedied under the Act to date:—

				No. of contraventions found, 1967	No. of contraventions remedied, 1967
Cleanliness	...	...	...	0	1
Overcrowding	...	...	...	1	0
Temperature	...	...	...	6	16
Ventilation	...	...	...	1	6
Lighting	...	...	...	4	3
Sanitary convenience	...	...	...	4	6
Washing facilities	...	...	...	6	17
Supply of drinking water	...	...	...	0	0
Accommodation for clothing	...	...	...	0	2
Sitting facilities	...	...	...	1	1
Seats for sedentary work	...	...	...	0	0
Eating facilities	...	...	...	0	0
Floors, passages and stairs, Landlord	...	...	...	0	1
Fencing of exposed parts of machinery	...	...	...	1	4
Danger young persons cleaning machinery	...	...	...	0	0
Supervision young persons at dangerous machinery	...	...	...	2	0
Regs: Health and Safety	...	...	...	3	11
Regs: Noise and Vibration	...	...	...	0	0
Prohibition of heavy work	...	...	...	0	0
First Aid: General provision	...	...	...	10	20
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	14	15
TOTAL				53	103

Eradication of Bed-bugs

When visits of inspection are made to premises, note is taken at all times respecting cleanliness and any indication of the presence of these vermin. Where infestations are found the work of eradication is usually carried out by the Council on payment of the necessary fee.

No infestation was found during the year.

Clean Air Act, 1956

140 inspections have been made at premises coming within the scope of the above mentioned Act, as a result of which 30 contraventions were found, all of which were dealt with satisfactorily. These were as follows:—

Domestic Premises:

20 from the burning of various materials by bonfire.

Agricultural:

1 from burning stubble off field, at a Farm.

Business premises:

4 from the burning of materials, for example, trade refuse.

2 arising from smoke nuisance from Nursery chimneys.

3 arising from smoke nuisance from Factory chimneys.

Demolition—Public Health Act, 1961. Section 29

This Section requires that no person shall undertake a demolition of the whole or part of any building unless notice specifying the building and works of demolition intending to be carried out is given to the Local Authority.

During the year 10 buildings became the subject of such notices and in each case an inspection was made and notice served upon the Demolition Contractors requesting them to comply with the requirements of sub-Section 5 of the Section.

Number of notices received	10
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Number of premises demolished	11
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Hairdressers and Barbers — Bye-laws

There are 40 Hairdressing premises situated within the District and during the year 54 inspections have been made; at 3 premises contraventions were found, all of which were remedied.

Mosquitoes

Routine inspection of ditches and watercourses revealed no nuisance of this nature.

Moveable Dwellings

Public Health Act, 1936. Section 269

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960

The operation of the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, throughout the year has been satisfactory. The

owners of sites have again shown their complete willingness to co-operate, and have provided the additional amenities required by the new Site Licence conditions.

During the year 101 visits were made to Camping Sites and 116 to individual moveable dwellings.

There are nine Camping Sites in the District, with accommodation for 794 caravans. Each of these Sites is fully provided with all the amenities normally expected, that is to say, sanitary annexe comprising baths, washbasins, water-borne sanitation, laundry facilities and drying area, metalled roadways, hard standings, ample water-points from the public mains supply, and in nearly all cases, additional amenities in the form of canteens and games rooms.

In addition to the above, there are four small Sites providing accommodation for eight caravans, and 51 single sites whereon there are stationed individual caravans. Thus the total number of caravans in the District is 853.

Noise Abatement Act, 1960

During the year it has been necessary to carry out inspections at 5 premises in relation to complaints received of noise nuisance. At 5 of these premises contraventions were found, and were as follows:—

Bird scarers keeping residents awake at night; noise from juke box, noise from boiler at a Nursery, from fuel tanks, and from Concrete Works.

In the case of the first two, the persons responsible were interviewed and the noise abated. So far as the last 3 are concerned, all were received towards the end of the year, and despite works carried out by the persons responsible, with subsequent reduction of noise, the nuisance has not been entirely abated and work is still continuing.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The following is a Table of the work carried out:—

Number of inspections made	1,322
Number of re-inspections made	3,180
Number of complaints made by the public	693
Infestations found as a result of the above	552
Infestations found by the Public Health Department	79
Total number of premises where nuisances found ...	631

Premises where nuisances remedied:—

Rats: Reservoirs ...	0
Major ...	0
Minor ...	607
Mice: Major ...	0
Minor ...	50
TOTAL	657

Number of block control operations (2 or more premises)	23
Number of joint operations reported to West Sussex Agricultural Executive Committee ...	0

Summary

Total number of rats found dead	255
Total number of mice found dead	80

Pet Animals Act, 1951

Number of premises licensed	4
Number of inspections made	8
Number of contraventions found	0
Number of contraventions remedied	1

Animals' Boarding Establishments Act, 1963

Number of premises registered	5
Number of inspections made	6
Number of contraventions found	0

Petroleum Acts, 1928 and 1939

The Department is responsible for the inspection of premises where petroleum is stored, and during the past year 152 such inspections have been made to ensure that the requirements of the Acts, Orders and Regulations have been complied with.

Contraventions were found at 11 premises, and including notices served during the preceding year were found to have been remedied at 20 premises.

Number of storage installations in the District ...	55
Number of licences renewed during the year	52
Number of new licences granted	2
Number of licences transferred	1
Number of licences not renewed (petroleum storage discontinued)	1

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951

Number of premises registered	3
Number of inspections made	2
Number of contraventions found	0

Two samples of filling materials were submitted for analysis during the year; both were found to be satisfactory.

Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Five Dealers are registered under this Act, four of which are itinerant in nature.

The arrangements with the Scrap Metal Dealers worked very satisfactorily during the year and as a result twenty abandoned vehicles were removed from various sites and were disposed of.

SECTION D

HOUSING 1967,

Total number of applicants on waiting list for houses at 31st December, 1967	1,122
Total number of applicants received during 1967 ...	633
Total number of families re-housed during 1967 ...	168
Total number of transfers during 1967	60

New Houses erected during 1967

During the year 748 houses were erected, 646 by private enterprise and 83 by the Local Authority and 19 by Housing Associations.

A further 94 housing units were under construction at the end of the year by the Local Authority.

The number of new Council houses erected since the war, up to the end of 1967, was 1,724 bringing the total Council house and flat accommodation up to 2,331 (less any demolitions) units.

Summary of Council properties as at 31st December, 1967

	Pre-War	Post-War	Total
Five Bedroom Houses	1	—	1
Four Bedroom Houses	39	52	91
Three Bedroom Houses	424	748	1,172
Two Bedroom Houses	117	305	422
Three Bedroom Flats	—	75	75
Two Bedroom Flats	—	160	160
One Bedroom Flats	—	83	83
Bed-sitter Flats	—	147	147
Two Bedroom Bungalows	—	24	24
Aged Persons Bungalows	15	138	153
Miscellaneous	9	—	9
TOTAL ...	605	1,732	2,337

The position with regard to pre-war Council houses is as follows:—

All properties have baths and bathrooms with the exception of 8 bungalows. These have no baths or domestic hot water supply and are not readily adaptable to modernisation. The Council are considering the advisability of redeveloping the two sites.

There are also 36 pre-war houses which are without wash hand basins and plans are at present being prepared for their further modernisation to include the provision of this amenity.

Overcrowding

- (a) (i) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year 1
(ii) Number of families dwelling therein 1
(iii) Number of persons dwelling therein 5
- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported ... 1
- (c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 2
- (d) Number of persons concerned in such cases 13
- (e) Particulars of any cases in which dwellinghouses have been overcrowded again after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ... 0
- (f) **SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN DURING THE YEAR** in respect to overcrowding found during the Overcrowding Survey under the Housing Act, 1935, and since its completion:—

PARISH	Reported over- crowding	Over- crowding abated	Remaining over- crowded	No. of families affected	No. of persons affected
Angmering ...	30	30	0	36	231
Burpham ...	4	4	0	7	38
Clapham ...	2	2	0	2	20
Coombes ...	1	1	0	1	8
East Preston ...	17	17	0	20	144
Ferring ...	8	8	0	11	63
Findon ...	12	12	0	16	112
Lancing ...	67	66	1	93	550
Patching ...	2	2	0	2	16
Poling ...	1	1	0	3	9
Rustington ...	13	13	0	20	95
Sompting ...	30	30	0	49	225
TOTAL ...	187	186	1	260	1,511

Unfit Houses Programme as at 31st December, 1967

Two houses were added to the list so that at December 31st, 1967, the total programme comprised 525 houses. The position on the 31st December, 1967, regarding houses in the Unfit Houses Programme was as follows:—

Number of houses demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	48
Number of houses made fit and Demolition Order cancelled	13
Number of houses closed on Undertaking after Demolition Order made	4
Number of houses still awaiting demolition ...	11

Number of houses demolished after being closed on Undertaking	...	...	...	...	23
Number of houses demolished following informal action	...	...	...	...	37
Number of houses where Closing Orders operative					5
Number of houses where part closed	...	...			2
Number of houses closed on Undertaking not to relet	...	...	...	...	34
Number of houses made fit after formal action	...				252
Number of houses where no further action to be taken					1
Number of houses where action still necessary	...				10
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	<hr/>525 <hr/>

Progress with respect to the demolition, closing or reconditioning of houses in the above programme has continued slowly throughout the year. This is conditioned by the fact that the whole of the programme is nearing completion and what remains presents certain difficulties which are not easily overcome.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959, HOUSING ACTS 1961 and 1964

Fairly steady progress has been made in the improvement of dwellings throughout the District, more and more enquiries are being received from owners who do not always follow through their enquiries but as yet it has not been necessary to apply compulsory powers which are available to the Council under the Housing Act, 1964.

A summary of the applications received and the action resulting is set out below.

Discretionary Improvement Grants

Number of applications received	...	...	8
Number of applications approved	...	owner occupied	2
		other	7
Amount of grant approved	...	...	£3,138
Number of grants paid	...	...	13
Amount of grants paid	...	...	£4,260

The total number of houses which have been reconditioned with the assistance of **Discretionary Grants** since these facilities became available is 239, the value of works of improvement and repair approved during the year was £8,055.4.8d.; the amount of grant approved in respect of these properties when works were completed was £3,138.

The value of works of improvement and repair at properties where works were completed during the year was £12,481.11.5d.,

and the amount of the grant paid in respect of these works was £4,260.

Of the 239 houses which have been improved with the assistance of Discretionary Grant, 85 were occupied by their owners, 51 were weekly tenancies, and 103 were occupied by agricultural workers.

Standard Improvement Grants

Number of applications received	...	...	8
Number of applications approved			
	(owner occupied)		4
to be improved to full standard (other)	...	6	(including 2 from 1966)
Number of grants paid	...	...	10
Amount of grants paid	...	...	£1,284.18.6
Number of amenities provided:—			
Fixed bath or shower	...	...	9
Wash basins	...	...	10
Hot water supplies (at 3 points)	...	...	10
Water closets	...	...	10
Food storage facilities	...	...	3

The total number of applications approved since **Standard Grants** became available is 88, of which 62 were in respect of houses occupied by their owners, 25 by weekly tenants, and 1 by an agricultural worker.

The maximum grant permissible in the case of Standard Grants approved during the year was £1,455, but the virtue of the fact that the cost of the work was less than the permitted maximum, the amount of grant actually paid was £1,284.18.6d.

Local Land Charges Act

Owing to the fact that in this District there is a continual change in ownership of properties, and in addition, extensive development continues apace, it has been necessary to deal with 3,033 enquiries under the above mentioned Act; this work takes up considerable time in research and investigation.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOODS

Food premises throughout the District are kept under constant survey, and the Public Health Inspectors again received full co-operation from the proprietors and owners of food premises generally, in their efforts to secure improvements and compliance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

It was found necessary to report on 15 cases where articles of food had been found to contain foreign bodies or were not of the nature, substance or quality demanded.

In 10 of these cases it was decided that proceedings should not be taken, but that the Company concerned should be warned of the intention to take legal proceedings in any future instance. They relate to the following matters:—

Mould on loaf of bread.
 Bottle of milk containing slug.
 Wasp in jar of cocktail cherries.
 Sweet paper in bottle of milk.
 Scone containing button from lady's dress.
 Mould on beef steak pie.
 Grease in loaf of bread.
 Mould growth in sausage roll.
 Dark green mould in Jiffi Jelli.
 Bottle of lemonade tasting of turpentine.

So far as the 7 cases where proceedings were taken are concerned, these resulted as follows:—

(a) Black mould in pork pie	—	£2 fine, 5 gns. costs
(b) Strawberries being handled whilst employee smoking	—	£5 fine, 5 gns. costs
(c) Employee smoking whilst handling filling for cakes	—	£10 fine, 10 gns. costs
(d) Two meat pasties containing black and green mould	—	£10 fine, 5 gns. costs
(e) Mould on chocolate cake	—	£5 fine, 10 gns. costs
(f) Strands of orange material in beef pastie	—	£10 fine, 5 gns. costs
(g) Mould growth on swiss roll	—	£10 fine, 5 gns. costs

The total number of premises where food is sold in the District to which the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960 apply is 341.

All these premises are fitted with wash hand basins, together with hot and cold water supply so as to comply with Regulation 16. Regulation 19 applies in each case and in every instance the premises comply.

In the case of many of these food premises more than one type of food is sold, with the result that whilst all are subject to the Food Hygiene Regulations, other Acts and Regulations also apply, for example, the Ice Cream Regulations, the Milk and Dairies Regulations, Meat Regulations etc. The analysis set out below indicates the nature of the food business carried on, and the number of instances where one or more of the above mentioned Regulations apply.

Cafes and Restaurant	...	...	...	54
Hotel Kitchens	...	...	...	35
Licensed premises	...	...	...	63
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	118
Fish shops	...	...	...	12
Grocery and provisions	...	...	...	81
Bakehouses	...	...	...	12
Meat shops	...	...	...	32
Greengrocers	...	...	...	47
Canteen kitchens	...	...	...	31
Confectionery	...	...	...	67
Bread and cake shops	...	...	...	37
Dairies and milk shops	...	...	...	36
TOTAL				625

The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act as follows:—

Cooking meat pies	...	...	...	1
Making of cheeses, savouries, cooking of chicken and poultry	...	...	...	1
Making of sausages	...	...	...	6
Cooking ham	...	...	...	10
Making sausage rolls, meat pies	...	...	...	2
Making of sausages, pickling of meat, cooking ham and chicken	...	...	...	4
Sale of sausages, cooked meats etc.	...	...	...	14
Preparation of preserved food for sale	...	...	...	1
Preparation of cooked foods and fried fish for sale	...	...	...	3
Preparation of food for sale	...	...	...	1
Sale of meat pies, cooked ham	...	...	...	3
Delicatessen shop	...	...	...	1
Cooking crabs, lobsters etc., smoking fish	...	...	...	1
Sale of ice cream (not all selling)	...	...	...	195
TOTAL				243

The number of inspections of registered food premises is not kept separately; the number of inspections carried out at food premises was as follows:—

Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	146
Slaughterhouse	...	...	...	350
Meat shops	...	...	...	379
Vehicles	...	...	...	13
Fish shops	...	...	...	157
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	105
Restaurants	...	...	...	235
Kitchens	...	...	...	52
Other food premises	...	...	...	37
Bakehouses	...	...	...	44
Grocery and provisions	...	...	...	354
Canteen kitchens	...	...	...	18
Licensed premises	...	...	...	98
Greengrocers	...	...	...	148
Confectionery	...	...	...	72
Bread and cake shops	...	...	...	91
Frozen food cabinets	...	...	...	202
TOTAL ...				2,501

As a result of these inspections contraventions were found at 37 premises, and were found to have been remedied at 38 premises, including one from the previous year. The nature of the actual contraventions remedied was as follows:—

Lighting improved	...	...	...	1
Structural defects remedied	...	...	...	9
Washing facilities	...	...	...	7
Periodic cleansing carried out	...	...	...	17
Ventilation improved	...	...	...	2
Yard pavings repaired	...	...	...	1
Other contraventions remedied	...	...	...	16
TOTAL ...				53

The Retailing of Frozen Foods

It has again been noticed throughout the year under review that the Code of Practice drawn to the attention of persons retailing frozen foods has been, generally speaking, adhered to in all its requirements.

Good co-operation from retailers was received, and it was only necessary to remind them occasionally to check regularly temperatures in cabinets, not to overstock above the load lines, and to defrost at regular intervals.

Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations 1963

Regular inspections are made at premises where liquid egg may be used, but so far in no case has it been found to be in use in this District.

MILK SUPPLY

Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

Number of Distributors in the District
as at 31st December, 1967 57

Report on samples of Milk taken during the year:—

As previously reported, the system operated in West Sussex is for the Officer of the District to which the milk is delivered from the Farm to sample the milk at the point of delivery. Reports on such samples are forwarded to the Officer in whose District the Farm is situated for any necessary action.

15 samples of milk were reported upon by other Local Authorities. All satisfied the animal inoculation test for tubercle bacilli; in one case the Brucella Ring Test was "strongly positive" but Brucella Abortus was not isolated.

In a further effort to make the best use of Laboratory facilities and manpower, and to avoid the duplication of sampling where possible, a joint meeting of representatives from all Authorities throughout the County of West Sussex was held in March last, when it was agreed that Officers of County Districts would in future be responsible for the sampling of milk and cream samples from shops, vending machines, and private schools. As a result of this decision 48 samples of milk and 4 samples of cream have been submitted for examination; All samples were satisfactory, six samples of pasteurised milk failed the Methylene Blue test, but further samples taken proved satisfactory. The four cream samples were all satisfactory.

ICE CREAM (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations 1947/1959

ICE CREAM (Heat Treatment) (Amendment) Regulations 1963

Inspections made under the above mentioned Regulations again provided the information that the conditions throughout the District were generally satisfactory.

Number of premises registered for manufacture	...	1
Number of premises registered for storage only	...	2
Number of premises registered for manufacture and sale		16
Number of premises registered for retail only	... ..	178
Number of inspections of premises where ice cream sold		105
Number of samples taken	... ..	45

Report on Samples of Ice Cream taken during the year

45 samples of ice cream were taken, falling into the following Grades:—

Grade 1.	Grade 2.	Grade 3.	Grade 4.
27	15	1	2
60 %	33.33 %	2.22 %	4.45 %

In the cases where unsatisfactory results were received, repeat samples were taken after advice had been given, which produced satisfactory results.

MEAT

There is one private Slaughterhouse in the District, which complies with the general requirements relating to such premises, and is conducted in a satisfactory manner. The arrangements with respect to the disposal of carcasses of diseased animals and offal are by sale to Fertilizer and Soap Manufacturers, the value accredited being refunded to the owner concerned.

The Meat Inspection Regulations have been complied with satisfactorily during the year.

Carcases inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known) ...	338	0	38	1303	946	0
Number inspected	338	0	38	1303	946	0
All diseases except						
Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	48	0	0	43	35	0
Percentage of the number inspected affected other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	14.201%	0%	0%	3.30%	3.69%	0%
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcasses condemned ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned ...	0	0	0	0	3	0
Percentage of the number of carcasses inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	0%	0%	0%	0%	.31%	0%
Cysticercosis						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ...	2	0	0	0	0	0
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Generalised and totally condemned	0	0	0	0	0	0

The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption is as follows:—

Affected with Tuberculosis:—

Bovine	...	...	...	...	Nil
Pigs	...	...	...	...	36 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	...	...	Nil

Affected with other Diseases:—

Bovine	...	...	...	...	721 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs	...	...	...	...	89 lbs.
Pigs	...	...	...	...	135½ lbs.

The total amount of meat condemned was: 981½ lbs.

117 Certificates were issued to Traders so as to enable them to obtain compensation for their loss.

Number of inspections at Slaughterhouse under Meat Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	350
Number of inspections at Butchers' shops under Meat Regulations	...	...	...	...	...	379
Number of vehicles inspected	...	...	...	...	...	13

Slaughterhouse and Meat Shops

Number of Meat Shops in the District	...	...	...	...	32
Number of Slaughterhouses in the District	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Slaughterhouses licensed	...	...	...	...	1
Number of Notices served for contraventions	...	...	...	...	12
Number of Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	12

Knacker's Yard

The Knacker's Yard in the District continues to operate satisfactorily, and the standard of cleanliness, equipment and structural condition is well maintained.

Poultry Inspection

There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

Bakehouses

All Bakehouses in the District have been inspected and were found to be very clean and satisfactory.

Number of Bakehouses in the District	...	...	...	...	12
Number underground	...	...	...	...	0
Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	44
Number of vehicles inspected	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Notices served for sanitary defects	...	...	...	...	0
Number of Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	0

Other Foods

Food diseased, unsound etc. other than under Meat Regulations:—

Number of parcels of food surrendered	...	...	43
Number of seizures	...	...	0
Number of summonses issued	...	...	7
Number of convictions obtained	...	...	7

46 Certificates were issued to Traders, so as to enable them to obtain compensation and replacement of their loss.

In some cases tinned foods are returned to the supplier for investigation as to the cause of unsoundness, and in others the tins are disposed of by the Public Cleansing Service of the Council. Perishable foods found to be unsound are removed and destroyed forthwith.

The following foods were found to be unfit for human consumption and were surrendered by the Owner, on request:—

Article of Food	Total Net Weight					
	Tons.	cwt	qtrs.	stones	lbs.	ozs.
Tinned meat				11	9	6
Gammon					3	0
Cooked ham					11	8
Frozen fish			3	0	2	0
Fish			1	0	6	8
Fish and meat paste					9	7 $\frac{1}{4}$
Various tinned food				1	7	8
Various frozen foodstuffs		5	0	0	1	9 $\frac{3}{4}$
Cheese gateaux		4	1	5	5	0
Cake mix		4	1	0	0	0
Grapes		3	0	0	4	0
Frozen sprouts (48 packets)		—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	1	0	0	1	3	15

SHELL FISH

Number of shell fish beds or layings in the District ... 0

SECTION F

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN 1967

Scarlet Fever

31 cases

This was an increase in the number of cases for 1966. This is a mild disease today and seldom requires hospitalization.

Whooping Cough

29 cases

Immunisation is keeping the number of cases reasonably low and most of those who get the disease have it less severely if they have previously received a full course of inoculations.

Measles

608 cases

Most of the cases occurred in March and April. The next epidemic is expected in the spring of 1968, but immunisation against measles should prevent this happening.

Dysentery

9 cases

Six of these cases had a common source and were all in relations of one family.

Rubella

15 cases

There were very few cases during the year and as a result scarcely any expectant mothers exposed to the infection.

Diphtheria

Nil

The last case of diphtheria was notified in 1949. Between 1940 and 1949 23 cases were notified and between 1933 to 1939 there were 144 cases.

Smallpox

Nil

No case of smallpox was suspected or notified during the year.

Poliomyelitis

Nil

This is the eighth year in succession in which no notification of poliomyelitis was received. This, therefore, shows that vaccination plays a most vital part and that poliomyelitis is a disease which can be virtually eradicated by maintaining a good state of protection by vaccination.

Pneumonia 4 cases

Four cases of Acute Influenzal Pneumonia were notified this year during February.

Erysipelas 1 case

There was only one case notified this year.

Puerperal Pyrexia 10 cases

Of these 10 cases notified from Zachary Merton Maternity Hospital only 4 cases were residents of the Worthing Rural District.

Ophthalmia neonatorum 1 case
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This was a 9 day old baby, but hospital laboratory investigations never confirmed the diagnosis.

Food poisoning Nil

There were no outbreaks during the year.

Tuberculosis 1 case

There was one primary notification this year of a lady 96 years old.

NOTIFICATIONS 1957-1967

Disease	1957	1958	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Measles	114	278	198	310	43	560	45	646	277	608
Whooping Ch.	39	4	20	20	2	6	46	5	6	29
Scarlet Fever	14	18	15	11	7	12	7	4	11	31

Analysis of cases of Notifiable Diseases under Age Groups

		Under 1 yr.	1-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	Over 25	Total
Scarlet Fever	... ..	—	11	18	1	—	1	31
Whooping Cough	... ..	2	6	17	1	—	3	29
Measles	... ..	18	371	209	4	6	—	608
Acute Pneumonia	... ..	—	—	—	—	1	3	4
Dysentery	... ..	—	1	4	1	—	3	9
Erysipelas	... ..	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	... ..	—	—	—	—	6	7	13
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	... ..	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Rubella	... ..	—	8	4	1	1	1	15

There were no cases of the following diseases, which are also notifiable:—

Anthrax	Membraneous Croup
Cholera	Paratyphoid
Diphtheria	Plague
Encephalitis	Acute Poliomyelitis
Enteric Fever	Relapsing Fever
Food Poisoning	Smallpox
Malaria	Typhus
Meningococcal Infection	

TUBERCULOSIS

		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
		M.	F.	M.	F.	
Cases on Register 1.1.67	... ..	15	5	—	2	22
Primary Notifications—1967						
(female aet: 96)	... ..	—	—	—	1	1
Transfers to the District	... ..	2	3	—	—	5
TOTAL	... ..	17	8	—	3	28
Deaths during 1967	... ..	1	—	—	—	1
Removals from Register						
(5 recovered)	... ..	3	2	—	—	5
Cases on Register 31.12.67	... ..	13	6	—	3	22

There was one other death from Respiratory Tuberculosis during the year, but this person was not on the T.B. Register.

IMMUNISATION

During the year the following immunisations on children under 16, were carried out, in the District:—

Diphtheria and Tetanus

Primary Injections	...	...	14
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	761

Diphtheria

Primary Injections	...	...	—
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	—

Triple Antigen

Primary Injections	...	...	608
Reinforcing Injections	...	...	541

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

Initial vaccination of 2 injections, or 3 doses of oral vaccine			676
Reinforcing procedures	...	...	1,087

Smallpox Vaccination

Primary Vaccination	...	...	602
Re-vaccinations	...	...	181

Influenza

The Council staff were offered Influenza Vaccination during the autumn of 1967 and 53 out of 240 took advantage of the Council's offer.

